(b) Docs not arise.

(c) the progress of Defence Expenditure and status of various procurement proposals is kept under constant review and follow up action as necessary is taken. A new procurement Organisation has been established to deal with acquisition on Capital account for the Defence Services.

Exhibition of defence supplies and equipments

1084. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the relevance of holding a public exhibition of international defence supplies and equipment; and

(b) whether such exposure of armaments and dcfcnccware to all and sundry will alert our hostile neighbours of our interest in acquiring such military hardware?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Holding of International Defence Exhibitions is a world wide phenomenon. Such Exhibitions are being held not only in India but also in many other countries like Russia, UK, France, Malaysia, UAE, South Africa, Singapore, Brazil etc. Such international defence exhibitions provide a common platform for manufacturers, members of the Armed Forces, researchers and other decision makers to sec assess the latest equipment and technological advances in various defencc related fields at one place.

2. Such exhibitions provide an opportunity to the Indian Public Sector Defence Industry as well as private sector industry to interact with manufacturers from different countries and to discuss with them possibilities for sourcing of components, joint ventures and transfer of technology. It also provides opportunities to our public and private sector industries to showcase at one place their products and services for export orders.

3. Holding of such exhibitions and expression of interest in the exhibits in~no way compromises national security interests.